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1. Halberstadt (18 August 1947) 50X1-HUM

The former artillery barracks at Halberstadt are occupied by the Soviets as a transit camp. During the first week of August trucks left the barracks daily carrying troops to the Ohrdruf training area. The barracks are at present empty except for a permanent staff of about 190 men, some of whom have been heard to state that a big influx of troops is expected in early September. Installations on the Halberstadt airfield have been blown up. The remaining living quarters on the field are at present empty.

2. Königsbrück (7 August 1947)

Four regiments are believed to have been transferred to Königsbrück in the middle of July.

3. Riesa

A large munitions depot is situated on the railroad line Riesa-Berlin about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Riesa. It stretches for approximately one mile and is situated among pine trees. It is fenced off by barbed wire and closely guarded. Shell cases of non-German type of about six inches in caliber were seen there.

4. Bautzen

a. At the beginning of July about two-thirds of the MVD in Bautzen, including at least eight officers, left the town by road for

Frankfurt/Oder, proceeding from there by train to an unknown destination. These officers included the MVD chief Capt. Pachamov, who took his orders from Dresden, and Romanzov, the head quartermaster of the Bautzen area. The rank of Romanzov is believed to be major, although he did not wear a uniform as he had been a Pw.

b. At the beginning of August these men were replaced by others coming from Weisswasser and by new arrivals from the USSR. It is not known whether the previous strength has again been attained.

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c. On 8 July the Soviets ordered the evacuation of Lührstrasse and part of Sedanstrasse for the ostensible purpose of housing fighting troops. At the beginning of August orders were given to evacuate the Carolstrasse, Jägerstrasse, Paulistrasse, Georgstrasse and Hindenburgstrasse in order to enable all Soviet families to be gathered together in one area.

5. Leipzig

a. On 8 August forty to fifty trucks were standing near the rails at Wurzen station, near Leipzig. They were all three-axled, in poor condition; some of them were American made.

b. On 8 August a Soviet officer was seen waiting for the Kanne-münde train in the Leipzig station. He wore a cap with a black band and red piping, his epaulettes were gold with red piping with two small stars and a crossed artillery (?) emblem above them. On his left arm he wore at elbow height a lozenge-shaped black badge with red piping and the same crossed emblem on it.

6. Schwerin (August 1947)

a. The plenipotentiary of the Reparations Department of the Soviet Ministry of Economics at Schwerin is Colonel Ritschkin.

b. (20 August 1947) The Commandant at Schwerin has ordered that the following streets should not be occupied by the Soviets, but that they should be left as approach routes:

Wismarische Strasse and its continuation
 Rostocker Strasse
 Spieldorffstrasse
 Landreiterstrasse and its continuation.

c. A further 15,000 Soviet troops are expected to join the 6,000 at present in Ludwigslust.

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